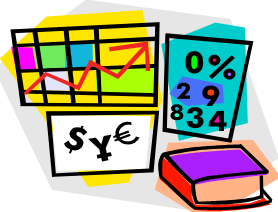


LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 3

Statistical Data Report for April 2006

Released June 2006

The Fort Wayne MSA includes three counties; Allen, Wells, and Whitley Counties. The Economic Growth Region 3 includes; Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley Counties.

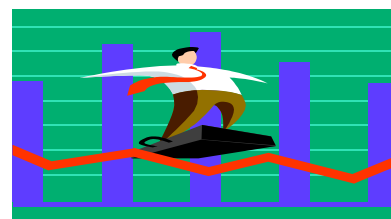
April 2006 Labor Force Estimates State Release Date: 05/25/06 Monthly Unemployment Rate Percentages			
	04/06	03/06	04/05
U.S.	4.5	4.8	4.7
INDIANA	4.8	5.4	4.9
FORT WAYNE MSA	4.7	5.2	5.1
PLANNING REGION 3	4.8	5.4	5.2
EGR 3	5.0	5.6	5.6
<u>COUNTY:</u>			
Adams	4.2	4.8	4.8
Allen	4.8	5.2	5.2
DeKalb	5.6	6.1	5.7
Grant	6.8	7.3	8.4
Huntington	4.7	5.1	5.3
LaGrange	4.4	5.1	4.6
Noble	5.5	6.1	5.7
Steuben	5.9	6.7	6.1
Wabash	5.4	5.9	6.6
Wells	3.8	4.6	4.6
Whitley	4.3	5.2	4.8
<u>CITY:</u>			
Angola	6.9	7.4	6.8
Auburn	6.0	6.1	5.6
Bluffton	4.1	4.6	5.5
Columbia City	5.0	6.2	4.7
Decatur	5.4	6.1	5.9
Fort Wayne	5.2	5.6	5.5
Huntington	5.3	5.9	6.0
Indianapolis(Cons)	5.0	5.3	5.6
Kendallville	6.0	6.6	6.9
Marion	8.1	8.5	9.4
Wabash City	6.0	6.9	8.8
<u>OTHER MSA'S</u>			
Indianapolis	4.3	4.7	4.8
Gary	5.2	6.3	5.6
Evansville	4.4	4.9	4.9

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY (HIGH TO LOW)

<u>RANK - MARCH 2006</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
1	Orange (8.0%)
5	Grant
13	Steuben
20	DeKalb
25	Noble
29	Wabash
47	Allen
52	Huntington
65	LaGrange
70	Whitley
71	Adams
83	Wells
92	Hamilton (2.8%)

SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT April 2006 (not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	5.0%
Kentucky	5.9%
Michigan	6.8%
Ohio	5.4%



ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.htm

For the detailed news summary regarding the employment situation in the United States click on the following link: (Adobe Acrobat necessary)

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empst.pdf>

REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were little changed in April, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. Thirty-two states registered over the month unemployment rate increases, 8 states recorded decreases, and 10 states had no change. The South again posted the lowest jobless rate among the regions, 4.5 percent. The Midwest continued to report the highest rate, 5.1 percent. Mississippi-where unemployment remains elevated following Hurricane Katrina- posted the highest unemployment rate 7.7%. The next highest rates were recorded in Michigan, 7.2%, Alaska 7.0% and South Carolina, 6.6%. Hawaii reported the lowest unemployment rate, 2.8% followed by Florida and South Dakota, 3.0% each. Seven additional states registered jobless rates below 3.5%. Over the year, jobless rates declined in 36 states, rose in 11 states and stayed the same in 3 states.

The LAUS (local area unemployment statistics) program will no longer revise the prior month's state labor force estimates each month. Estimates will be subject to revision at the beginning of the following calendar year.



FORT WAYNE MSA

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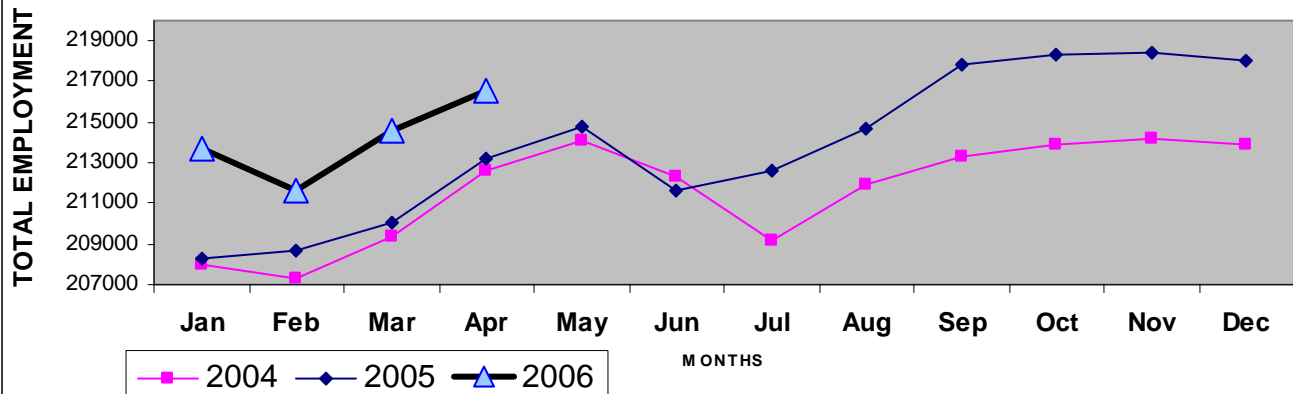
Fort Wayne, IN MSA			CHANGE FROM				
	APRIL 2006	MARCH 2006	APRIL 2005	MAR. 2006 TO APR. 2006		APR. 2005 TO APR. 2006	
Total Nonfarm	216,600	214,600	213,200	+2,000	+0.9%	+3,400	+1.6%
Total Private	193,400	191,100	190,400	+2,300	+1.2%	+3,000	+1.6%
Goods Producing	48,600	47,800	48,100	+800	+1.7%	+500	+1.0%
Service-Providing	168,000	166,800	165,100	+1,200	+0.7%	+2,900	+1.8%
Private Srvs Provide	144,800	143,300	142,300	+1,500	+1.0%	+2,500	+1.8%
Nat. Res & Construction	11,600	10,900	11,300	+700	+6.4%	+300	+2.7%
Manufacturing	37,000	36,900	36,800	+100	+0.3%	+200	+0.5%
Durable Goods	28,300	28,300	28,000	+0	+0.0%	+300	+1.1%
Computer and Electronic	4,300	4,200	3,900	+100	+2.4%	+400	+10.3%
Transportation Equipment	6,300	6,300	6,300	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Trade,Transportation,Utilities	46,300	45,900	45,600	+400	+0.9%	+700	+1.5%
Wholesale Trade	13,000	12,900	12,600	+100	+0.8%	+400	+3.2%
Retail Trade	22,900	22,700	22,900	+200	+0.9%	+0	+0.0%
Trans,Warehouse,Utilities	10,400	10,300	10,100	+100	+1.0%	+300	+3.0%
Information	3,500	3,600	3,500	-100	-2.8%	+0	+0.0%
Financial Activities	11,900	11,800	12,000	+100	+0.8%	-100	-0.8%
Professional and Business	20,700	20,400	20,200	+300	+1.5%	+500	+2.5%
Educational and Health	33,900	33,800	33,000	+100	+0.3%	+900	+2.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	20,200	19,600	19,500	+600	+3.1%	+700	+3.6%
Food Services and Drinking	16,600	16,200	16,500	+400	+2.5%	+100	+0.6%
Other Services	8,300	8,200	8,500	+100	+1.2%	-200	-2.4%
Government	23,200	23,500	22,800	-300	-1.3%	+400	+1.8%
Federal Government	2,200	2,200	2,200	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
State Government	4,600	4,700	4,600	-100	-2.1%	+0	+0.0%
Local Government	16,400	16,600	16,000	-200	-1.2%	+400	+2.5%
Local Govt Education	9,600	9,800	9,500	-200	-2.0%	+100	+1.1%

NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING EMPLOYMENT SHOWN ONLY IN TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL, PRIVATE & GOODS PRODUCING
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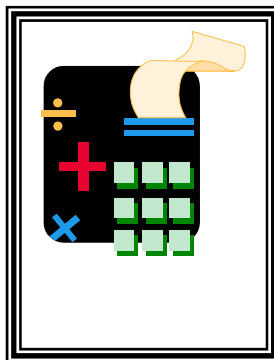
HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION OR NON-SUPERVISORY WORKERS BY INDUSTRY FT. WAYNE MSA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	APRIL 2006	MARCH 2006	APRIL 2005	APRIL 2006	MARCH 2006	APRIL 2005	APRIL 2006	MARCH 2006	APRIL 2005
Manufacturing	\$747.60	\$747.36	\$742.98	42.0	42.2	41.6	\$17.80	\$17.71	\$17.86
Retail Trade	\$319.10	\$311.54	\$305.07	28.8	28.9	28.3	\$11.08	\$10.78	\$10.78

FT WAYNE MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



MONTHLY COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE

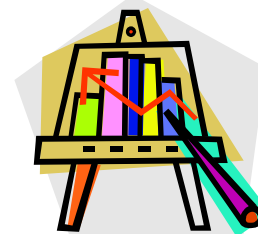


LOCAL OFFICE	April 2006	March 2006	Previous Month % Change	April 2005	Year Ago % Change
Anderson	7,974	7,984	-0.1%	6,096	30.8%
Auburn	9,442	12,311	-23.3%	9,066	4.1%
Connersville	2,320	2,930	-20.8%	2,824	-17.8%
Fort Wayne	16,419	18,484	-11.2%	15,411	6.5%
Kokomo	11,289	11,388	-0.9%	8,234	37.1%
Marion	5,687	6,029	-5.7%	6,302	-9.8%
Muncie	10,634	11,809	-10.0%	11,277	-5.7%
Richmond	3,271	3,891	-15.9%	3,473	-5.8%
INDIANA	253,681	292,533	-13.3%	241,145	5.2%

APPLICANT POOL ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 3

Applicant Pool provides a numerical ranking of the top twenty jobs being sought by job applicants. These data are extracted from the Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3). Each week the job title list in the applicant pool is determined by examining the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. The twenty job titles that are specified most often by job applicants in the CS3 system are listed. The numbers of applicants requesting those jobs are also displayed. Report date June 11, 2006

Job Title	Number of Applicants
Assemblers (Factory Work)	7,839
Production Laborers	6,112
All Other Machine Operators	4,034
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	3,514
Hand Packers & Packagers	2,992
All Other Hand Workers	2,660
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	2,348
General Office Clerks	2,102
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	2,051
Cashiers, General	2,002
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,607
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,557
Production Helpers	1,494
All Other Metal & Plastic Machine Operators	1,468
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,399
Order Fillers- Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,371
All Other Machine Setters & Set-up Operators	1,339
Other Inspectors & Testers	1,333
Administrative Assistants	1,320
Other Hand Material Movers	1,308



The Hoosier Hot 50 Jobs – A listing of the jobs most “in demand” for the state of Indiana has been sent to education, workforce and economic development officials and posted in each of the department's 26 WorkOne Centers and across the state. The 50 jobs were selected based on growth factors from Indiana's Occupational Projections 2002-2012, and wage information from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey produced by the department. To be selected for the list, a job had to be ranked in the top 200 in total growth (the numeric growth of new jobs) and in the top 200 in percent growth from 2002 to 2012. This list was then limited to those jobs that had a higher average wage than the state's median wage for all jobs (\$27,204), based on the November 2003 Occupational Employment Statistics wage survey. The listing is also available on the department's web site, www.in.gov/dwd.

WAGE DEMAND INFORMATION

How many people are looking for work and how much do they expect to be paid? The Department of Workforce Development [Customer Self Service System \(CS3\)](#) performs matches between job applicants looking for work and employers looking for new employees. **Wage Demand** provides the number of applicants registered in CS3, as well as the annual and median wages that the applicants expect to be paid.

Consumer Price Index



1 Month Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.8	-0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	1.5	-0.2	-0.9	-0.3
2006	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.5								

12 Months Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.4	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.5	4.8	4.1	3.0	3.2
2006	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8								

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

WAGE DEMAND INFORMATION CHART

County	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number of Applicants
As of 6/11/06			
Adams	\$25,181	\$20,800	443
Allen	\$22,826	\$20,800	9,098
DeKalb	\$21,535	\$20,800	1,476
Grant	\$19,658	\$17,680	4,798
Huntington	\$23,659	\$20,800	956
LaGrange	\$26,191	\$20,800	436
Noble	\$24,209	\$20,800	1,076
Steuben	\$25,435	\$20,800	888
Wabash	\$27,723	\$20,800	1,025
Wells	\$37,493	\$20,800	515
Whitley	\$23,508	\$20,800	696
Indiana	\$25,097	\$20,800	145,801

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STATE LAUNCHES NEW LABOR MARKET INFORMATION WEB SITE

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